I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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20/01/2012: Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as 6W7SK from Mbour, Senegal between 20 January and 3 February, 2012. He will be mostly active in CW on the lower bands. QSL via home call. Website, including logsearch at: www.f6blp.org/index.php?langue=uk&contenu=home.php [F6AJA]

20/01/2012: Jose, CT1FKN, has received permission to operate as T6JM from Afghanistan between 14 Januray and 13 June, 2012. As an ISAF member and inside a military compound, Jose has to manage with the restritions of intalling antennas. He will try work mainly 20m voice and digital modes. QSL via home callsign. [NG3K]

20/01/2012: Kurt, KE7KUS will be operational from Bagram, Afghanistan until mid February, 2012. Having been issued his license recently, he hopes to be up and running on HF soon. QSL via KE7KUS direct, LoTW and eQSL. [dx-world.net]

20/01/2012: Chris, VK5CP, is currently active holiday style from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) as VK5CP/9 until 24 January, 2012. He will be using an IC7000, LDG Z2Pro Tuner and a Buddistick vertical antenna. Focus will be on 30 metre digital modes, 20m and 6m depending on conditions. QSL via home call. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL when Chris returns home. [dx-world.net]

20/01/2012: A team consisting of F6BEE Jacques, G3TXF Nigel, VE2TZT Gilles, FM5CD Michel and F4BKV Vincent will be active from Pitcain Island (IOTA OC-044, WFF GFF-053) between 20th January and 4th February 2012, using the callsign VP6T. Efforts will be made to give this extremely rare entity to deserving DXers on as many bands as possible, but especially on the low bands. The team will make a particular effort to focus on contacts with Europe and the US East Coast. QRV on 160-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY, with K3s and high power. QSL via G3TXF, direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS. All information on their website at: www.vp6t.org/ [dx-world.net]

20/01/2012: Rich Carter, RAF Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands Rich, G0ZEP will be in the Falkland islands planed for the end of October 2011 and has plans to be active from both the East (WLOTA 1479) and West Islands (IOTA SA-002, WFF GFF-024) as VP8DFR, if time permits. QSL via home call, direct only (see QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

21/01/2012: Augusto, I2JJR, activate some Italian castle references during his one day DAI, DCI and WCA expedition as I2JJR/6 on 21 January, 2012. Plans are to activate Chiesa di Santa Chiara (DAI AZ0237) and Mura e porte di Citta' Sant'Angelo (DCI PE-034, WCA I-11690, WW Loc. JN72AM). QRV first on 40m, then QSY to 20m (and maybe other bands) between 0800 and 1300 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. SWL reports are welcome. [I2JJR]

21/01/2012: Look for Andy, N8OFS (SMIRK #6737, IHRAS #0007), to be active in the January ARRL VHF Sweepstakes Contest (21-23 January) from Medina, Ohio (WW Loc. EN91AE). He will be "parked and locked on 50.155 MHz USB to protect the frequency and the 'WA8ICH and Friends Net' from the kill-a-what kids on this side of the pond who have no ears and don't even have the common courtisy to ask

if the frequency is in use. 90W from the Kenwood TS-60 to the PAR OA-50 at 19.8ft". QSL direct only (QRZ.com), or via eQSL. [N8OFS]

21/01/2012: Tom, AA9A, will be active from the island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between 21 January and 4 February 2012 as PJ2/AA9A. QRV on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or LoTW. [dxing.at-communication.com]

21/01/2012: Zorro, JH1AJT, will be visiting and operating from the QTH of VP8LP, Port Stanley, East Falkland Island (SA-002, WFF GFF-024, WLOTA 1479) from 21-28 January, 2012. Look for VP8DNT to operate holiday-style on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call. [dx-world.net]

22/01/2012: Pierre, F8APV, will be active as FR/F8APV from Reunion Island (AF-016, DIFO FR-001, WFF FFF-011, WLOTA 1812) between 22 January and 10 February, 2012. QRV everyday between 0100-0400z on 40/30 metre CW, and then between 1700-1900z on 20 metre SSB. QSL via his home call. [OPDX Bulletin]

22/01/2012: Albert, HB9BCK, will be active as KH0/HB9BCK from Saipan Island (USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086), from 22-28 January, 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY, using verticals, beam antennas and 500 Watts. QSL via direct (Albert Z?hner HB9BCK; Sonnenstrasse 3; CH-8575 B?rglen / TG; Switzerland) or via the USKA bureau. [DxCoffee]

22/01/2012: A team of 6 operators will be active as TN2T from Pointe-Noire (WW Loc. JI55WD), Republic of the Congo, from 22-31st January 2012. Using three stations, the DXpedition will be active on 160-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. Operators include Patrick ON4HIL/OT2A, Marc ON6CC/OR3A, Luc ON4IA/OR2M, Ronald PA3EWP, Carlo ON4BR/OO4T and Stefaan ON4FG/OP4T. The QSL Manager will be M0URX. Furhter information, including suggested frequencies, updattes and a "most wanted" survey will be available on their website at: http://www.tn2t.be/ [OPDX Bulletin]

22/01/2012: Daryl, W7TAE, will be active from Grand Cayman (NA-016, WLOTA 1042, Grid Loc. EK99) 22-27 January 2012 as ZF2TE. He will be active on 20-6m mainly SSB and some CW. Plans to be active early morning local time, and afternoons. Operating 100w with 1/2wave vertical antennas on 20 17 15 12 10 and even on 6 metres. He will be active in ARRL VHF Sweepstakes Contest (21-23 January) 6 meters only on Sunday the 22nd. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

23/01/2012: Norbert, DJ7JC, plans to be active from the island of Bonaire (SA-006, WFF PAFF-024, WLOTA 1279) following his participation with the PJ4C DXpedition. Look for PJ4M to be QRV between January 23-30, 2012. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [dx-world.net]

24/01/2012: Richard, K2WR, will be active from St. Brelade, Isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818) as GJ2A in the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (27-29 January) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. He will also be QRV before and after the contest (starting 24 or 25 January) as MJ0AWR. QSL both calls via K2WR, direct only or LoTW. [NG3K]

25/01/2012: Bert, CX3AN and Mario, CX4CR will be active from Maafushi Island (AS-013, WLOTA 3911, WW Loc. MJ63RW), Kaafu Atoll (North Male Atoll), Maldives, as 8Q7HU between 25 January and 5 February, 2012. QRV on 80-6m, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via CX3AN (QRZ.com). [dx-world.net]

25/01/2012: Laci, HA0NAR, and two other operators will leave Budapest on 21st of January 2012. Via LAX and Nadi (Fiji) they will arrive to Wallis [aka Uvea] Island (IOTA OC-054, DIFO FW-001, WLOTA 0389, WW Loc. AH16VS). Plans are to run two stations in parallel 160-6 metres with solid state linears (CW, SSB, RTTY)

between 25th of January and 23rd of February 2012, using the callsign FW0R. Their QTH will be located in Vailala village, Hihifo district. Focus will be on the low bands, especially 160, 80, 40 and 30 metres with Spider (18m) verticals. A week long side trip will be also organized to Futuna island (IOTA OC-118, DIFO FW-017, WW Loc. AH05WQ) for IOTA hunters early February (approx. 3-10 February) using the callsign TW0F. The team also plans to take part in the ARRL DX CW Contest (18-19 February). QSL both FW0R and TW0F via Laci HA0NAR. Further information, updates and online logsearch will be available at: www.ha0nar.hu/ [dx-world.net]

25/01/2012: Operators Fons ON4AWT, Raf ON5RZ and Dirk ON7DS from the King Chulalongkorn Memorial club station, Ragunda, Sweden, as SI9AM from 25-30 January 2012. They will also be QRV for the UBA SSB DX contest (28-29 January). QSL via SM3CVM, direct or via bureau. [UBA DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

28/01/2012: Operators Patrick F8NAN, Michel F8DFP, Freddy F5IRO (J28RO), Jean-Marc F5RQQ and David F8CRS will be active as TM70TRS in the French REF Contest (28-29 January) from Department Puy de Dôme/63. QSL via F6KHX, direct or by the bureau. [F5NQL]

29/01/2012: Special event callsign 9M4CNY will be aired on 29 January 2012 from Penang Island (AS-015, WFF 9MFF-016), WLOTA 2743). QRV on 7.088 and 14.288 MHz, SSB only, from 0700 UTC - 1600 UTC. This special callsign is for the grand event to celebrate the Chinese New Year Cultural & Heritage 2012 located at the heritage precinct of Georgetown on 29th January 2012 (Sunday) from 3.00pm till 12.00am (0700-1600 UTC) organize by Penang State Government. QSL direct only (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

02/02/2012: G?rard, F2JD, will once again be active from Copan, Honduras, as HR5/F2JD. He will leave on 2 February and back on 6 May, 2012. He plans to be active on all bands and modes. QSL via F6AJA. Online log will be available at: lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php [F6AJA]

18/02/2012: Tom, N1GN and Bill, NE1B will be active as C6ANM from Nassau (Gambier Village), New Providence Island, Bahamas (NA-001, WLOTA 1115, WW Loc. FL15GB) as a Multi-Single entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (18-19 February). QSL via LoTW preferred, or direct to WA2IYO. [NG3K]

18/02/2012: Look for Tibor, OM3RM, to be active as CR3A, a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (18-19 February), from Funchal, Madeira Island (AF-014, DIP MA-001, PIP MD-001, WLOTA 0053). Before the contest Tibor will be active on all HF bands as CT9/OM3RM. QSL CR3A via CT3EE. QSL CT9/OM3RM via home call. [NG3K]

18/02/2012: Julius, OM7JG, will be active as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power enty in the ARRL DX CW Contest (18-19 February) from the island of Madeira (AF-014, DIP MA-001, PIP MD-001, WLOTA 0053) using the callsign CT9/OM7JG. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

18/02/2012: Yuri, N2TTA, will once again be active as KP2MM from Christiansted, island of St. Croix, USVI (NA-106, USI VI002S, WLOTA 2477), in the ARRL DX CW Contest (18-19 February) as a Single-Op entry. QSL via LoTW; also direct only to N2TTA (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

18/02/2012: Siggi, TF3CW, will be active in the ARRL DX CW Contest (18-19 February) as a Single-Op/Single-Band entry from Seltjarnarnes, Iceland (EU-021, WLOTA 2975). QSL via LX1NO, direct only. [NG3K]

24/02/2012: Yankee Clipper Contest Club members Tom N1GN, Bill NE1B and and Karney W2AFC will be active as C6ANM from Nassau (Gambier Village), New Providence Island, Bahamas (NA-001, WLOTA 1115, WW Loc. FL15GB) as a Multi-Single entry in the CQ 160-Meter SSB Contest (24-26 February). QSL via LoTW preferred, or direct to WA2IYO. [NG3K]

27/02/2012: Alan, G3XAQ, will be active on HF CW from Banjul, The Gambia, as C56XA between 27 February and 15 March, 2012. The trip is primarily to take part in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (10-11 March). QSL via G3SWH. Website: www.g3swh.org.uk/c56xa.html [G3SWH]

01/03/2012: Harry, AC8G, will once again be active from the island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718) as J37K from 1-5 March, 2012. This will include a Single-Op entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (3-4 March). QSL via AC8G direct preferred, bureau ok. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

03/03/2012: Yankee Clipper Contest Club members Tom N1GN, Bill NE1B, Karney W2AFC and Mike N1IW will be active as C6ANM from Nassau (Gambier Village), New Providence Island, Bahamas (NA-001, WLOTA 1115, WW Loc. FL15GB) as a Multi-Single entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (3-4 March). QSL via LoTW preferred, or direct to WA2IYO. [NG3K]

03/03/2012: Operators Juan Carlos TI2JCY, Carlos TI2KAC, Mauricio TI4ZM, Eddie K4UN, Bob W4BW, Keith W4KTR and Lex W4XO will be active from Costa de Pajaros, Costa Rica, as TI8M in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (3-4 March) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via TI2KAC (PO Box 633-1007, Centro Colon, San Jose Costa Rica), or via the bureau. Look for activity before the contest. [NG3K]

14/03/2012: V5, NAMIBIA - A group of amateurs including David GI4FUM, Gillian GI8MIV, Richard GI4DOH, Kalle DM3BJ, Andre V51B and others plan to operate in the CQ WPX SSB contest from Oranjemund in Namibia over the weekend of 24th/25th March. During the week prior to the contest they will operate on HF bands including CW and RTTY/PSK31. QSLs for this operation should go via David GI4FUM (QTHR). The team will travel to Cape Town arriving on 14th March and will stay near the Victoria and Albert Waterfront. They plan to visit Table Mountain, Robin Island and the Stellenbosch wineries before driving up the west coast to Oranjemund at the southern tip of Namibia. There is still time to join the group but you need to be quick as we have to arrange Namibian Amateur Radio permits and entry permits to Oranjemund. We will return to Cape Town on 26th March and fly home on 28th March. Anyone interested in joining should email David (GI4FUM [@] ARRL.NET). Website: www.3da0ss.net/ [dx-world.net]

21/03/2012: Helmut, DF7ZS, will be active from the island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033) from 21-27 March 2012 as P40S (maybe). "Callsign might be subject to change! Will send update when paperwork is approved." QRV on all HF bands, CW and SSB. Helmut will also be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (24-25 March) @ P49V Monta?a, Noord, Aruba. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [NG3K]

29/04/2012: Koji, JI1LET, will again be active as JI1LET/JD1 from Chich-jima (JCG 10007, WLOTA 2269, WW Loc. QL17CD), Ogasawara archipelago (AS-031), between 29 April and 5 May, 2012. QRV on 80-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, bureau or direct (SASE + 2GS). [dx-world.net]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

DL, GERMANY

- The sinking of the passenger liner Titanic has its 100th anniversary on 15 April, 2012. After hitting an iceberg the ship sank 300 nautical miles southeast of Newfoundland. Unfortunately, only about 700 of the 2200 passengers and crew members were rescued. It was one of the worst maritime disasters of civilian

shipping. This resulted in numerous measures to accelerate the rescue of people at high seas. An international radio distress frequency was introduced and the duty to its constant monitoring. Even today these decisions are still valid and are written down in the SOLAS treaty, adapted to the technical possibilities of today. The local DARC club in Schoenau (S65) commemorates this historic event and the beginning of coordinated emergency communications with the special callsign DM100MGY until 31 December, 2012. They will also hand out the special DOK 100MGY between 1 April and 30 June, 2012. QSLs only via bureau, no direct QSLs and no eQSL. [DX Newsletter]

- Special event callsign DM50KSJ will be active from 1 January to 31 December 2012 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the clubstation in Jesewitz (DL0SAX), North Saxony, Germany. Special DOK: 50KSJ. QSL via the DARC bureau, eQSL or direct to DL2VM. [DX Newsletter]

- The Harz Narrow Gauge Railways (HSB) were opened in 1887 with the track Gernrode-Maegdesprung. Today it maintains a length of 140 km, which is the longest contiguous stretch of narrow-gauge railway network in Germany, with steam locomotives operating every day and a total of 48 stations. On this occasion the special event station DQ125HSB is activated thoughout 2012. SDOK: 125HSB. The station also counts for the EFA and FIRAC diplomas. QSL via DF7AA, bureau or direct. See also: www.amateurfunk-vienenburg.de/ [DX Newsletter]

I, ITALY
- Special event callsign II6LN will be active, on all HF bands and modes, until 31 December, 2012. This activity is to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of ARI Lanciano (IQ6LN) foundation, branch of ARI Italia. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [DX Newsletter]

ON, BELGIUM
- Look for ON65BR to be active on all bands and modes during the year 2012. The special callsign celebrates the 65th anniversary of the Bruges radio amateur club OSB. 65 years ago the Bruges amateurs started weekly meetings in local pubs and later the radioclub acquired a club house. For 40 years the radio club is located in the inland port area of Bruges. All QSLs via the UBA QSL bureau or direct (ON65BR, Lodewijk Coiseaukaai 31, B-8000 Brugge, Belgium) with SAE and 2 green stamps. [DX Newsletter]

- The City of Turnhout celebrates its 800th anniversary and the local HAMs are using the special callsign ON800TUR. This special clubstation callsign is valid during the year 2012. The city of Turnhout, Antwerp province (WW Loc. JO21lh), is the capital of Noorderkempen and located on the border of the Netherlands. Well known as the city of the playing cards. Throughout the year 2012 is Turnhout is also the cultural city of Flanders. A special folded QSL card is available via ON1CB via the UBA QSL bureau. For digital mode users: BDM#2118. [DX Newsletter]

SP, POLAND
- In memory of Wladek Wagner the special event station SN2012WW will be active as SN2012WW/mm from aboard the training ship "Fryderyk Chopin" and also with other prefixes like FM/, FJ/ etc., from Martinique, British Virgin Islands and other Caribbean Islands from 7-26 January, 2012. Radio Club SP9KRT will be active as SN2012WW from Piekary Slaskie, Poland. Other special event stations will be: HF80WW between 8 June and 8 July, 2012. HF20WW between 15 August and 15 September. HF100WW between 17 September and 17 October. All contacts are valid for the Wladek Wagner Award. Further information on this event, QSL information and the award can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/SN2012WW [DX Newsletter]

SV, GREECE
- Macedonia and Greece were unified 100 years ago which is marked by the special event call SX1912, which will be used throughout the year 2012. Look for SX1912K to be activated by the Radio Club of Pieria, Katerini, Greece. QSL via the bureau. Further information on this event and relevant award can be found at: www.qrz.com/db/SX1912 [DX Newsletter]

21/01/2012: Following a successful presentation in the press, the ARBF (Burkina Faso) Board has decided to officially open their ham radio club to visitors. This event will take place on January 21, 2012. This radio club will have a special call sign XT2CEFIG. While waiting for STARS donated equipment the club will start operating with equipment borrowed from a kind radio amateur. The gear will essentially consist of a wide band dipole, an HF transceiver and a VHF station to remote all the QSO to a local radio station. Numerous politicians are expected to attend this event. They hope that many of you will be able to put XT2CEFIG in your logbook. Look for them on 7.085 LSB on 40, 14.120 to 14.240, 21.120 MHz and all the SSB part of the 10-metres. Website: tinyurl.com/BurkinaFasoARBF [ZL2TZE]

21/01/2012: The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club will be putting the club callsign, MN0VFW, on the air in support of SOS Radio Week. The station should be active on the HF bands between 1100 and 1600 GMT on Saturday 21 January and between 1000 and 1500 GMT on Sunday 22 January. Thanks to the kind permission of Nigel Sands, 2I0GLY, the club will be operating from the shores of Lough Neagh at Sands Marine and Leisure at Kinnego Marina in Lurgan. QSL via the RSGB bureau to MI0VAX. [GB2RS]

21/01/2012: The Orkney Amateur Radio Club, Orkney [mainland] (EU-009, IOSA OR-01, SCOTIA OI-14, WLOTA 1652) is supporting the SOS fundraising week from 21 to 29 January, 2012. There will be a special event station at or near each of the Islands' three lifeboat stations. GB1OL (QSL via MM5DWW) will be in Stromness; GB2OL (QSL via GM0WED) will in Longhope, based at the old lifeboat station; and GB4OL (QSL via GM0IFM) will be at Kirkwall Bay. QSL's to home calls, Direct only. The stations will be active on most bands, mainly at the weekends, and will concentrate on 80, 40 and 20m, details nearer the time. Modes will be SSB, with some CW and data. Further information can be found at: eu009.webplus.net/gb1ol.html. [GB2RS]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

21/01-29/01 GB1OL: Mainland Orkney WLOTA:1652 QSL MM5DWW (d)
21/01-29/01 GB2OL: Mainland Orkney WLOTA:1652 QSL GM0WED (d)
21/01-29/01 GB4OL: Mainland Orkney WLOTA:1652 QSL GM0IFM (d)
21/01-22/01 MN0VFW: Northern Ireland WLOTA:1439 QSL MI0VAX (b)
21/01-04/02 PJ2/AA9A: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL HC (d/LoTW)
21/01-28/01 VP8DNT: Falkland Island WLOTA:1479 QSL JH1AJT (d/b)
22/01-10/02 FR/F8APV: La Reunion Island WLOTA:1812 QSL HC (d/b)
22/01-28/01 KH0/HB9BCK: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL HC (d/b)
23/01-30/01 PJ4M: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL DJ7JC (d/b)
24/01-31/01 MJ0AWR: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL K2WR (d)
25/01-05/02 8Q7HU: Male Atoll WLOTA:3911 QSL CX3AN (d)
25/01-23/02 FW0R: Uvea Island WLOTA:0389 QSL HA0NAR (d)
26/01-30/01 3D2HA: Viti Levu Island WLOTA:0055 QSL HA5UK (d/b)
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6 METRES & UP -

21/01-22/01 YLISSB QSO Party - includes 6m-70cm 21 0000z-22 2359z
21/01-23/01 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 21 1900z-23 0359z
21/01-23/01 N8OFS: Ohio Grid:EN91AE 50.155USB ARRL January VHF QSL QRZ.com
24/01 The 50MHz Open Cumulative SO/MO/LP/MP/HP 1800z-2200z
24/01 RSGB 50MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
24/01 RSGB SHF UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
25/01 SKCC Straight Key Sprint 6m/CW 0000z-0200z
25/01 WSJTGroup Winter Sprint 50-222MHz WSJT 0100z-0500z
25/01-05/02 8Q7HU: Maafushi Island AS-013 Grid:MJ63RW 6m 100w QSL CX3AN (d)
25/01-23/02 FW0R: Wallis Island OC-054 Grid:AH16VS 6m 100W QSL HA0NAR (d)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jan.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 19 January, 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

QSLs via Bureau: None to report...

QSLs via Direct: 3D2R (YT1AD), 3YX1D (DL7DF), 5N7Q (DF8DX), 5R8UI (IZ8CCW), 8P?P (W3HNK), C21UF (LA5UF), E4X (EA5RM), E51MAN (N7OU), E51NOU (N7OU), EK6TA (DJ?MCZ), EL2LF (KY7M), FP/G4EAG (H/c), HB9EHJ (DF8DX), IK2CLB (QRZ.com), KC4AAA (K1IED), M4A (M?BLF), PJ7/W4FC (H/c), PJ7N (W4FC), TI8AA (QRZ.com), TU2T (OQRS), TY1KS (OQRS), VK?TH (JE1LET), VP2ETN (JN1RVS), YJ?VK (VK2CA), ZD8ZZ (K7ZZ) and ZM4T (ZL2AL).

QSLs via LoTW: 2A/DJ6AU, 8P5A, 9A5Y, AA7A, AC4CA, AH7C, C6AQQ, CR6K, CW5W, D4C, DC4A, DF9LJ, DR1A, EF7R, EF8R, EK6LP, EL2A, F5VKT, FM5CD, FS/DL2RUM, FY5KE, HB9CA, HG6N, HI3A, HK1R, HQ9R, IO5O, J6M, JA1VND, K?SN, K5GO, K5RQ, K5XR, K7AR, K7QQ, K7WP, KA7T, KB7Q, KH6LC, KH6ZM, KH7Y, KL7RA, KL7WV, KM?O, KN5O, KN7K, KQ7W, KZ5J, LZ1195IR, LZ9W, MM?XAU, N3BNA, N3KAE, N3ND, N5LZ, N7MSU, N9RV, NH2T, NK7U, OK3RKA, P4?F, P4?L, PI4DX, PJ2T, PJ4A, PV8DX, PY2TIM, R?QA, SK3W, SP3DOI, TM6M, V26K, V31AO, VA2EU, VE1RX, VE3EJ, VE3EK, VE3GSI, VE3KI, VE3RTU, VE5UA, VE6RAC, VE6TL, VE6WP, VK?TH, VP2ETN, VP2MTA, VP2MWG, VX6WQ, W1RH, W4DAN, W4UH, W8AEF, WA1PMA, WU9B, WW4LL, WY7SS, XE1MM, XE2S, XE2X, XF3/IZ2LSC, YN2CC, ZD8ZZ and ZF1A.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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P43JB SILENT KEY -
It is our sad duty to report the passing of Johan (Joop) Box at approximately 17:00 GMT today, Thursday, January 19, 2012. He had a severely infected kidney. When the doctors tried to remove it, they found the area surrounding it full of infection, so they could not remove the kidney. His wife, Yvonne, and daughter, Barbara, Sue, myself and Lisandro, P43L, were with him when he passed away. He was a hell of a guy and will be sorely missed. Services are pending. Please include this announcement in all of the appropriate reflectors. 73 Carl AI6V/P49V

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BITS & PIECES -

Cuban Radio Amateur Service Regulations Have Been Modified -
Cuban radio amateur service regulations have been modified to provide the use of segments of the 80 and 40 meter ham bands to the third class operators license holders, that before these new rules could only operate on segments of the 160 and 2 meter bands. The news was much welcomed by the more than two thousand operators that hold a CL prefix callsign... the first step in a Cuban radio amateur career... By the way, *the CL prefix holders do not need to pass a CW Morse Code radiotelegraphy test*, but they do have to take a 5 words per minute receiving and also transmitting test in order to upgrade towards a second class operators certificate that opens the way to obtain a CM prefix callsign, that provides access to many more operating privileges...
So, if you start hearing stations on the 40 meter band from *7100 to 7125 kiloHertz* using a CL prefix, be aware that they are a new generation of Cuban radio amateurs that for the first time ever are having access to working DX on 40 meters... The segment assigned to the CL stations on 80 meters span from *3550 to 3750 kiloHertz*, but very probably you will hear them much more often on 40 meters because the seven megaHertz ham band is open for long distance contacts much more frequently than the 80 meters band. The maximum power allowed to the CL prefix stations, the Cuban beginners license has been set at *10 Watts*, that they can use on *CW, Single Side band and double sideband voice*.
[Ra?l E. Verdecie/CO8ZZ]

UK Radio Amateurs Special Callsigns -

The Radio Society of Great Britain and Ofcom have reached agreement on the optional use of special callsigns for two significant events during 2012. For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, all UK amateur stations will have the option of applying for a variation to their licence if they wish, to use a special prefix for a five week period. This will add or substitute the letter "Q" in the place of the Regional identifier in the callsign. For the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, all UK amateur stations will have the option of applying for a variation to their licence if they wish, to use a special prefix for a five week period. This will add or substitute the letter "Q" in the place of the Regional identifier in the callsign. Special prefix to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee: Period: 00.00 BST 5th May 2012 to 23.59 BST 10th June 2012. Special prefix to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee: Period: 00.00 BST 5th May 2012 to 23.59 BST 10th June 2012. Full info at: www.rsgb.org/news/articlelinks.php?id=0263

Deletion Of Malyj Vysotskij -

The day of deletion has now been confirmed: Finnish and Russian ambassadors met January 17th and exchanged the documents signed by the presidents of both countries. The new agreement of the lease of Saimaa Channel will be in force one month from today - February 17th. As the new agreement does not include Malyj Vysotskij, the island will be deleted from the DXCC-list the day before, February 16th 2012. This is, of course, subject to the decision of ARRL DXCC Committee. It's unlikely that any DXpedition will come on from the island before the deletion, although our Russian friends would have a possibility to do it.
[dx-world.net]

Lovro Duzevic S50LD, reports on the beginning of work of the award program of castles and fortresses of Slovenia "Slovenia World Castles Award - S5 WCA

Diploma"!
More detailed information on an official site, at: wca.hamradio.si WELCOME!

International Museums Weekend Special Event

The International Museums Weekend special event will this year take place on the double weekends of 16 & 17 and 23 & 24 June, 2012. Radio amateurs are encouraged to participate in this event by setting up stations in their local museums. Organiser Harry, M1BYT asks that all those intending to take part in the event should register their museum via the form on the International Museums Weekend website, http://www.ukradioamateur.co.uk/imw/ [Southgate ARC]

Operator's Wanted -

Donovan, ZS2DL, is planning a DXpedition to Lesotho for Nov 9-19. Call sign now assigned as 7P8D. Operation shall take place in CW and RTTY on 80m-10m. Still looking for more operators: Lesotho DX Pedition 2012, Box 29169, Sunridge Park 6008, South Africa
http://www.zs2dl.co.za
http://www.zs2dl.co.za/7P8D.html
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